

Jacob's Hat Weaving Business

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She was my Aunt Harriet. Yeah, she had a little hat weaving shop there. To start out with, when they joined the Church back in '47 or '50 around there, they all wanted to come to Utah. That was the big thing. They didn't have enough money to send them all, my Grandmother had 17 children. They couldn't all come so they sent Aunt Harriet and Uncle George.

Aunt Harriet was 18, and when she come here there was polygamy. This old John Jacobs, she married him. They lived down there, where the Hammers lived. The old house is still there. He married her and built his home up there by where we were talking about. In England, they had a little shop like that. They'd sell hats and buy straw and make straw hats.

Yeah, she did it right in her home. She knew how to do it and that's what she had there because I went in there many times and she was weaving her straw hats. She sold both men and women hats. That's about all she sold. You could buy some kind of straw and she'd just weave it in there—pretty good-looking hats.